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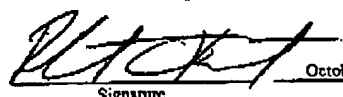
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF AUGUST 18, 2006

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of August 18, 2006, to  
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